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KSC Salutes

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While providing IHA Industrial Hygiene support to a contractor operation at the DSCS Processing Facility (DPF) at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Amanda Beatty recognized that contractor workers were not going to be appropriately protected from hazards associated with the planned oxidizer tasks. Before making her recommendations, Beatty ensured that she was fully aware of the customer's processes and associated hazards. She refused to support the operation without the

appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). She strongly recommended that the customer protect their employees and not continue with the operation until appropriate PPE was worn. Eventually, the customer decided to perform the operation in Self-Contained Atmospheric Protective Ensemble (SCAPE) suits. After the operation was complete, on-site personnel, including technicians and two individuals from safety organizations, thanked Beatty for voicing her concerns about the original approach to the operation.

Not only did Beatty ensure that she protected herself from the potential hazards, she also ensured that employees supporting the operation were properly protected. After completing her support at the facility, Beatty emailed the IHA employees who were supporting later operations to inform them of the situation. She relayed important information to her fellow employees and prepared them for the potential challenges that they could face while supporting operations at the DPF. They also were very appreciative of her conscientiousness.

Beatty also initiated actions to inform the customer of PPE requirements for hypergol operations. This information was sent to all IHA employees and emphasized the importance of speaking up. Everything that Beatty did and the actions that followed have reinforced the importance of protecting employees. Her actions not only protected employees that day, but will protect employees during future hypergol operations.

Speak Up: KSC employees are encouraged to support doing the right thing at all times. If you witness inappropriate behavior, or unsafe acts, we hope that you will follow Beatty's lead and not only speak up, but do something to ensure it never happens again. All KSC employees have the authority to stop work if they witness actions that could lead to injury of self or others.

Reporting Channels: To report unsafe acts, mishaps, close calls, or other safety related concerns that are NOT emergency situations, please contact NASA Safety at 867-SAFE(7233). The NASA Safety Reporting System, NSRS, is also available as an anonymous, voluntary and responsive reporting channel to notify NASA's upper management of your concerns about hazards.

Safety Tip of the Week

Thanks for your efforts, however, **PLEASE** ensure you know how to properly wear your Personal Protective Equipment.



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